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TO AMEMBASSY GABORONE  
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TAGS: SOPN, CGEN, BT, SF

SUBJECT: US TELEVISION CAMERA CREW IN BOTSWANA

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT KDKA-TV OF PITTSBURGH PLANS SEND THREE-MAN FILM CREW TO BOTSWANA NEXT MONTH TO PRODUCE FILM ON WILDLIFE IN OKAVANGO ANDCHOBE AREAS FOR WESTINGHOUSE GROUP STATIONS. GROUP PLANS ARRIVE JOHANNESBURG JULY 16 AND DEPART DIRECTLY FOR MAUN JULY 17 BY CHARTERED AIR (SAFARI SOUTH); RETURN FROM MAUN DIRECTLY TO JOHANNESBURG ON JULY 22; AND DEPART FOR US BY PAN AM JULY 23. FILM CREW CONSISTS OF GALEN SPIELMAN, DAVID DURIAN, AND WILLIAM KERR, ALL US CITIZENS.

2. STATION WAS ADVISED OF SECURITY PROBLEMS ALONG BOTSWANA-RHODESIA BORDER BUT TOLD THAT THERE WAS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF DIFFICULTIES IN SPECIFIC AREAS IN WHICH THEY PLAN TO FILM. SHOULD THEY BE UNABLE TO OBTAIN GOB PERMISSION FOR FILMING OR DECIDE THAT SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS OUTWEIGH THEIR PREFERENCE FOR OKAVANGO AREA, UNCLASSIFIED

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THEY PLAN TO REQUEST PERMISSION TO FILM IN SOUTH AFRICA (PROBABLY KRUGER PARK). THIS MESSAGE IS TO ENSURE THAT EMBASSY AND CONGEN ARE AWARE OF PLANNED PRESENCE OF US FILM CREW IN BOTSWANA SHOULD ANY REASON ARISE TO EXTEND

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